

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

It would be grossly unfair to change current FCC regulations so that I, and my retired friends will have to pay more for our telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. As a low-volume long distance and a pre-paid cell phone user, I am concerned that this proposal will unfailly make my current service cost considerably more.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls! In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers (i.e., me) would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security when outside the house, or when my regular service is "out". I also have friends on low, fixed incomes who similarly use their phones. All of us are retired; one of us is on disability and uses oxygen. I don't want any of us to lose these benefits while big businesses pays less than their fair share, like so very many of the regulatory changes made by this administration!

I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee. Thank you for your attention.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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